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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF UPI CORRESPONDENT JOHN F. NEEDHAM

REF: (A) NEW DELHI 6566 (B) NEW DELHI 6479

1. ON MAY 4, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS TELEPHONED INDIAN AMBASSADOR KAUL TO FOLLOW UP ON EMBASSY'S APPROACH TO MFA ON THE NEEDHAM CASE. DUBS MADE THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. WITH RESPECT TO THE ORDER TO EXPEL UPI CORRESPONDENT NEEDHAM, WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SOME MISUNDERSTANDING MAY HAVE ARISEN REGARDING HIS REPORTING.

B. AS THE EMBASSY AND THE GOI MUST BE AWARE, NEEDHAM IS A REPUTABLE CORRESPONDENT, WHO, FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT, HAS BEEN DOING A GOOD JOB IN HIS REPORTING FROM INDIA.

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C. THE DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED

THOROUGHLY BY THE GOI WITH NEEDHAM UPON HIS RETURN TO INDIA FROM SRI LANKA.

" FURTHER HOPE THAT THE GOI WILL FIND IT POSSIBLE TO RESCIND THE EXPULSION ORDER AND TO RENEW NEEDHAM'S VISA. THIS WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH OUR MUTUAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE INDO-U.S. RELATIONS.

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2. IN REPLY, KAUL SAID THAT NEEDHAM HAD BEEN WARNED ONCE BEFORE ABOUT HIS REPORTING AND THAT HE HAD AGREED TO ABIDE BY THE GUIDELINES FOR JOURNALISTS. NEEDHAM HAD RECENTLY WRITTEN ABOUT A SENSITIVE SUBJECT WITHOUT VERIFYING THE FACTS, AND THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT FOUND THIS DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT. KAUL ADDED THAT IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR NEEDHAM TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND, PERHAPS, TO EXPRESS HIS REGRETS. IT WOULD PROBABLY BE DIFFICULT TO CHANGE THE DECISION REGARDING NEEDHAM'S EXPULSION BUT THE INDIAN EMBASSY HERE WOULD CERTAINLY CONVEY THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS TO NEW DELHI.

3. SINCE PRESIDENT BEATON WAS UNREACHABLE FOR A NUMBER OF HOURS, WE INFORMED HIS PERSONAL SECRETARY, JIM LYNCH, OF EMBASSY'S APPROACH IN NEW DELHI ON NEEDHAM CASE AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT'S REPRESENTATION TO AMBASSADOR KAUL. LYNCH EXPRESSED THANKS FOR RESPONSIVENESS OF EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT AND SAID INFORMATION WOULD BE PASSED TO BEATON AS SOON AS HE RETURNED TO HIS OFFICE. SISCO

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